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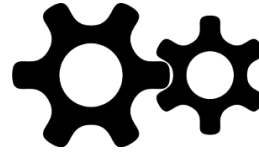
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

FY 2019 Budget Amendments

June 12 | 7:00 pm | Council Chamber

The Town Council will hold a public hearing with the adoption of FY 2019 Budget Amendments. Amendments B-D of Ordinance 175 provide funding for the purchase of tippers and toters for the Town's recycling program, for the purchase of speed monitoring devices and for encumbering funds for an architectural engineering study of the Town Office building. Public comments are welcome. Please also see detailed FY 2020 budget information on pages 16-20

Contact Town Manager Broadbent with any questions at mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov



STREET SWEEPING

June 17—21 the street sweeper will be in Town to clean the streets. Please park your cars in your driveway or off-street parking, where possible. If you have no off-street parking, you might move your car to the other side of the street when the sweeper goes by. Public Works appreciates your assistance.

Contact 301-474-6897 for information or email publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov



We Are Becoming More Social

Like, follow and tag us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We'd like you to be a part of our online community. We'll be posting town events, updates, photos, videos, news you can use and answering questions. This interactive experience allows us the opportunity to connect with people near and far to spread the word about our great town and all the amazing things happening here.

Join the Education Advisory Committee



June 24, 7 PM
G. Love Room

The BHEAC is a Town Committee dedicated to supporting and strengthening the schools that serve the residents of Berwyn Heights by:

- Informing residents and the Town Council about educational issues and opportunities;
- Cultivating links with PGCPs administrators and the School Board;
- Liaising with neighboring cities' Education Advisory Committees; and
- Promoting community involvement in local schools.

All Residents Are Welcome

Please contact Joanna Whitaker for more information, at joannaswhitaker@gmail.com

Bicycle Safety

If your children ride their bikes to school or around the Town, make sure they follow basic safety rules:

- Always wear a property fitting helmet;
- Use bikes that are in good working order (breaks, tires)
- Follow rules of the road (stop at intersections, ride on right side of street, respect pedestrians if sharing sidewalk or trail)



More Information at [NHTSA Kids Bike Safety Kit](#)

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Actions Taken at May 8 Town Meeting

- ORD 177—FY 2020 General Fund Budget, as amended—Adoption**
 Provides a General Fund Operating Budget for FY 2020 and sets a tax rate of \$0.545 per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property and \$1.325 per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property.
 Includes amendments to the introduced FY 2020 budget: **Amendment 1A and 1B** increase funding for Health, Vision, Dental & Life Insurance by \$14,800 accounting for future staff in currently vacant positions and an additional police officer; **Amendment 2** appropriates \$30,000 from Cable TV Reserve for the purchase of a new server and production of informational videos; **Amendment 3** appropriates \$5,028 to restore limited holiday pay for part-time employees; **Amendment 4** appropriates \$5,293 to provide short-term disability insurance for employees; **Amendment 5** appropriates \$3,000 for mail-in voting; **Amendment 6** revises Greenbelt Station Development impact compensation receipts from \$150,000 to \$24,052.
- ORD 178—FY 2020 Public Safety Taxing District Budget—Adoption**
 Provides a budget appropriating funds received from an ad valorem tax levied on Town businesses to provide for an additional police officer and the outfitting, and setting a tax rate of \$0.12 of \$100 of assessed valuation of real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property.
- ORD 175-B—FY 2019 Budget Amendment**
 Appropriates \$53,180 from fund balance for the purchase of tippers and toters for the Town's recycling program.
- Resolution 08-2019 Awarding Contract for the Purchase of Recycling Bins to Toter, LLC of Statesville NC. • Resolution 09-2019**

Awarding Contract for the Purchase of Tippers to Gran Turk Equipment Co. of Baltimore, MD.

- ORD 175-C—FY 2019 Budget Amendment**
 Appropriates \$6,000 for the purchase of a mobile speed display sign and a radar speed gun.
- ORD 175-D—FY 2019 Budget Amendment**
 Encumbers \$40,000 for an architectural and engineering study of the Town Office.
- Resolution 10-2019 Amending Employee Handbook** to increase the annual leave hours exempt employees may carry over from one year to the next and to create an annual leave attrition fund for payouts.

For Additional Information

Please contact Town Manager Broadbent at mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

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EIGHTH (1/8) PAGE		
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6 Months	\$162.00	\$192.00
12 Months	\$230.00	\$336.00
QUARTER (1/4) PAGE		
1 Month	\$50.00	\$72.00
6 Months	\$270.00	\$384.00
12 Months	\$384.00	\$672.00
HALF (1/2) PAGE		
1 Month	\$100.00	\$144.00
6 Months	\$540.00	\$768.00
12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
FULL PAGE		
1 Month	\$200.00	\$288.00
6 Months	\$1,080.00	\$1,536.00
12 Months	\$1,536.00	\$2,688.00

Welcome Guide Photos Wanted

Help us welcome people to town! We are working on a new welcome guide and invite you to put your photography skills to use. Submit your favorite photos from around Town and we'll include some of them. The best picture submission will be featured on the guide's cover. This is a chance to tell the story of the town as you see it through pictures. Go out and snap a few photos of your kids playing at Sports Park or riding their bikes. Take a picture of your pooch laying under their favorite tree or a group of friends enjoying a nice day. Feel free to submit anything you think is quintessentially Berwyn Heights to by Monday, June 10th, 2019. to Tiffany Minor tminor@berwynheightsMD.gov



Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board

Next meeting:

JUNE 13 | 7 pm | G. Love Room.

Contact [Amanda Dewey](mailto:Amanda.Dewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)

TREE CARE TIPS

The trees in our neighborhood are important for the health and wellbeing of Berwyn Heights! Ensure that the trees on your property are properly maintained by:



Removing invasive plants, such as English ivy, which can weaken or kill trees.

Using 2 to 4 inches of mulch (not made from cypress) under trees to keep weeds and grass that compete for nutrients and water away.

Consult a certified arborist when considering pruning a tree to ensure that pruning is done properly and avoids harmful, extreme pruning practices such as "topping".

A colorful banner for 'Trolley Trail Day'. It features a blue background with white text 'TROLLEY TRAIL DAY' and yellow text 'SATURDAY JUNE 8th 2019'. There are illustrations of a person on a bicycle, a person on a bike, and a playground slide. A circular logo on the left says 'COLLEGE PARK • RIVERDALE PARK • HYATTSVILLE' and '2017'. At the bottom, it says 'Fun Run, Bike Rides, Local Music, Kid Activities, Food and Drink, and more!'.

Trolley Day celebrates the completion of a hiker biker trail built on the right of way of the former City & Suburban streetcar line. The festivities include guided biking and walking tours filled with stops at local businesses for tasty food samples, local music and family activities. The Trolley Trail connects communities along the Route 1 Corridor to trails leading into the region's bike trail network. The paved trail spans 3.8 miles, and takes about 1 1/2 hours to walk from start to finish.

Trolley Trail Day is FREE! However, please REGISTER for the bike tours at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trolley-trail-day-tickets-61435024813>

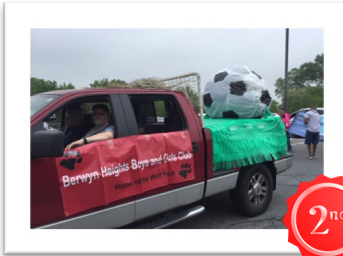
Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

Thank you for joining us at Berwyn Heights Day 2019!

And Congratulations to our Parade Winners:



Girl Scout
Troop 1069



The Wolfingers &
the BHBGC Wolf Pack



Berwyn Heights
Historical Committee



Coming up this month:

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE!



Sat. June 15th, 8am (Rain or Shine!)

Maps will be available Fri. 6/14 at the Town Office,
and Sat. 6/15 outside of the Community Center,
6200 Pontiac Street.

To be included in the Town Map, please send *Full Name, Address & TOP 3 ITEMS
for sale* by 12 noon Tuesday June 11th to violindreams@verizon.net

Lake Artemesia Concert

Thursday June 27th, 6-8pm

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet

The BH Karate Club will be selling snacks.

(In event of rain, concert will be Upstairs @ the Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road)



Have feedback or suggestions about Berwyn Heights Day or any of our monthly events?

We want to hear from you!

Join us the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room
next to the Senior Center, or email [Susan at violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:Susan@violindreams@verizon.net)

Next Meetings: Tues. June 4th & Tues. July 2nd

Budget Worksession Minutes March 23, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Osmond and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Detective Daniel Unger, Public Works Foreman Luis Cardenas and citizens.

1. Introduction

Mayor Isler said this budget worksession has a different format than other worksessions and is intended for the Council to put together the FY 2020 budget. It is an open meeting, but no comments will be taken until the end. He welcomed 3 young men from Boys Scout Troop 67, who were present to observe the budget-making process.

2. Budget

General Government/ Administration:

TM Broadbent gave an overview of the proposed FY 2020 budget. Total operating and capital expenditures are proposed at \$3,451,800. This is \$1,116,600 less than the FY 2019 budget, which included \$1,238,400 in funding for road repairs, including the first installment on a bond issue. Total expenditures for the Public Safety Taxing District are proposed at \$85,900 and remain unchanged from FY 2019.

Revenues: General Fund revenues are expected to come in at \$3,192,600, an increase of .74% over FY 2019, most of it from real property taxes.

- \$1,755,600 in real property tax revenues, a \$100,000 increase over FY 2019, due to increases in assessments. This assumes the tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessed real property value is left unchanged. The tax rate was last changed in 2014. Some of the Town's revenue sources are restricted to specific purposes, such as road repairs and public safety.
- \$220,000 in personal property tax revenue, a decrease of \$15,000, due to 2 businesses contesting their assessment.
- \$375,000 in income taxes, unchanged from FY 2019.
- \$98,000 in Refuse & Recycling Collection Fees, an increase of \$25,800. It is proposed to increase this fee from \$70 to \$95 per year per household. The fee does not cover the cost of collecting all trash and recyclables.
- \$138,400 in License & Permit Fees, a decrease of \$9,000, due to a reduction in building permit fees and adjustment of revenue calculation.
- \$44,600 in Police Aid, a decrease of \$8,800.
- \$80,000 in Fines (largely from speed camera tickets), a decrease of

\$13,000.

- \$8,200 in Disposal Fee rebates, unchanged from FY 2019.
- \$140,400 in Highway User Fees (HUR), an increase of \$29,500. This revenue is restricted to road improvements and is set aside in the Town's infrastructure reserve fund.
- \$62,800 in Miscellaneous revenue, a decrease of 6,000.

Budget Process: TM Broadbent addressed changes in the budget process. Previously, the Town Administrator and the Mayor drafted some of the budget with little input from staff. She heard from staff that they would like to have more involvement in the process, and she has provided them the opportunity. The departments have requested a number of enhancements to improve services that form the basis of this draft budget. The Council is requested to review the list of enhancements and make decisions about including or excluding them in the proposed budget that will be published in the April Bulletin.

TM Broadbent said last year the budget was balanced by using \$126,000 from the previous year's fund balance. If this practice is discontinued in FY 2020, \$259,200 would not be covered by revenues, including \$116,400 for a new police officer, capital purchases of toters and tippers, a police vehicle and a welcome sign totaling \$112,200, plus \$30,616 in operating funds.

TM Broadbent explained the remaining steps in the budget process. Next the Town must publish a public notice on the tax rate it plans to adopt, i.e. rate that raises the same amount of revenue as in the current year (constant yield tax rate) or some other rate. This is followed by the introduction of the FY 2020 budget in April, adoption in May, and amendment of the FY 2019 budget in June. The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget follows the same schedule, but in addition is reviewed and approved by the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) before adoption in May. The CDMA meeting has been set for April 17.

Code Compliance: TM Broadbent presented the Code Compliance budget. She said it is the principal function of the Code Department to enforce municipal infractions, i.e. violations of Town ordinances. Ordinances enforced relate to the upkeep of commercial and residential property, licensing of rental housing, building activity, refuse collection (in coordination with Public Works), as well as noise issues and the keeping of domestic animals (in coordination with the Police). In addition, the Department will begin enforcing the Rights-of-Way Ordinance and a recently adopted Small Cell Facilities Ordinance.

TM Broadbent gave an overview of proposed changes to the Code Department. Following the realignment of departmental

functions, the Code Department is proposed to employ a full-time code supervisor, one full-time code officer and one part-time officer. All code employees will be expected to work in the field and do inspections. In the rental licensing program, all rental home owners will be asked to come into compliance with the State of Maryland lead law. With regard to property maintenance, she plans to propose combining the residential and commercial clean lot ordinances and adopt the International Property Maintenance Code for both types of properties.

TM Broadbent further suggested the Council consider contributing \$5,000 for a study by the City of College Park on the feasibility of municipalities assuming some of the responsibility currently resting with the County for issuing building permits. The Four Cities Coalition recently discussed and expressed support for increasing local control over the building permit process as a way to improve customer service and better manage building and home improvement activity. She will seek to clarify whether the Town has authority to enforce sediment and erosion violations and then add regulations to the Town's code.

In discussion, CM Dewey asked whether the Code Department would be best served with a Code Manager or Code Director position in light of the reorganization of the Code Department. TM Broadbent replied a Code Director position would likely be more appealing to prospective candidates. However, in either case, the person managing the Department would have to do some field work as there is not enough administrative work for a full-time manager if the Comcate software system is used as intended. CM Dewey suggested a higher pay grade may be warranted if building permit responsibilities are added on top of the business licensing and tax collection responsibilities that are already being shifted to the Department. She would like to know what the additional cost of hiring a Code Director would be. TM Broadbent said she will provide information on the budget impact as well as a revised job description. In the current economic climate, the benefits package for a director would have to be better to attract candidates but she believes it would be worth it. A director would be expected to take on more of a leadership role and help rewrite code ordinances.

At 10:00 am, the Council took a 15-minute break.

Public Works: TM Broadbent said that Public Works Foreman Luis Cardenas is present to fill in for Director Hall and help explain what Public Works does and to answer questions. TM Broadbent described the principal functions of the Department. They include refuse and recycling collection, for which new toters and truck-mounted tippers will be acquired, snow removal, road maintenance, traffic sign replacement, and facility maintenance. The

Town's buildings have a backlog of maintenance needs, such as painting and roof repairs, and in some cases need systems upgrades.

Public Works is also responsible for maintaining the public rights-of-way and, this year, worked with a contractor to complete phase II of the tree maintenance project initiated by the previous Council. Additionally, Public Works has been charged with a larger role in inspecting construction undertaken in the Town's rights-of-way. At the moment, permits for phase II of WSSC's watermain replacement project and the McDonald's reconstruction project are under review. Their contractors will be required to repair the roads to the standards the Town expects.

TM Broadbent said the Department is requesting additional funding for temporary labor to help during leaf collection and grass cutting season. The Department had no workers compensation claims this year and the FY 2020 budget provides funds for safety training and wellness initiatives. Public Works also services an increasing number of dog waste stations around Town which have increased to 17. TM Broadbent has met with Park & Planning staff to discuss maintenance of Park & Planning facilities in Town and will make a formal request for a dog park in the near future. There are plans to improve stormwater drainage on the Town Center property and improve the landscaping.

In response to questions, TM Broadbent and Mr. Cardenas said that new recycling toters and accompanying mechanical tippers are estimated to cost \$46,000, and the tippers another \$12,000. The partially automated process will help make the crewman's job less strenuous and prevent injuries. Public Works does not plan to collect old recycling bins after new toters have been distributed. Residents are encouraged to keep them as backup or collect yard waste. A proposed increase in the Refuse & Recycling Fee from \$70 to \$90 per year would help defray the cost of the refuse disposal.

Police and Public Safety Taxing District: Chief Antolik and Detective Unger were present to give a presentation on the activities of the Police Department and its FY 2020 budget request. They provided an overview of the Department's mission and structure, accomplishments and goals. The Department currently has 8 full-time and 1 part-time officer and 1 police clerk. The clerk and 1 officer are native Spanish speakers and function as liaisons to the Town's Latino community. BHPD has kept crime low with 24/7 high-visibility patrols and a broad community engagement program.

In the coming year, BHPD plans to increase foot and bike patrols, strengthen its merchants safe-guard program, renew emphasis on litter enforcement, and initiate

a program of animal welfare checks with a specially trained officer. These activities are designed to comply with new State of Maryland directives for community policing. At the same time, the Department faces attrition from retiring officers and more competition when hiring new officers. Hiring and retention of officers are top priorities for the next fiscal years.

In the FY 2020 budget, BHPD is requesting funding for:

- 1 additional full-time police officer and outfitting, including 1 police vehicle;
- 1 police vehicle;
- 3 promotions;
- 1 speed monitor; and
- 1 hand held radar unit.

Chief Antolik concluded by noting that the additional officer would help mitigate the risk officers face in becoming the object of attacks by providing a 2nd officer per shift for backup and provide continued coverage when one officer is otherwise occupied, such as when making an arrest and transporting an individual to a county facility.

In discussion, Councilmembers asked about the necessity for a 2nd police vehicle and the length of the hiring process. Chief Antolik said that both vehicles are needed. One vehicle is intended for the additional officer, while the second vehicle replaces a vehicle in the aging fleet. The most recent police vehicle was purchased for Officer Hollowell in 2017. Hiring a new officer takes between 3 to 6 months because BHPD takes care to find someone who is a good fit for the community. Candidates may meet with members of senior staff, an allied agency, and/or residents as part of the selection process. The search would not begin before July 2019 and a new officer may not begin to work until December of January, presenting the option of funding only ½ year of the officer's salary in the FY 2020 budget.

At 11:30, the Council took a half hour lunch break.

3. Council Budget Discussion

Mayor Isler invited Councilmembers to comment on the budget. MPT Papanikolas said his biggest concern is the use of fund balance to fund operating expenses in the coming year. Ideally, fund balance should be used for one-time purchases, such as the recycling equipment or vehicles. Mayor Isler said, judging by the historical data provided by TM Broadbent and Treasurer Rodriguez, a number of operating expenses have been underfunded, leaving this Council to play catch-up. TM Broadbent said this budget is conservative about funding maintenance needs but adds some money for the upkeep of the Town Center and the Public Works facility.

CM Osmond agreed that the apparent practice of using fund balance to finance Town operations is a problem. He deems it essential that operating expenses be cov-

ered by existing revenue streams. To make the budget right, he would consider deferring the enhancements, if need be. CM Dewey said the FY 2020 budget, as drafted, would require \$260,000 in fund balance to be rolled over from FY 2019 to cover planned expenditures, according to TM Broadbent's memo, even with an additional \$100,100 in real property tax revenues raised from higher assessments. That amount could be reduced by approximately \$100,000 if the recycling upgrades were financed in this year's budget and an officer were hired mid-year.

Mayor Isler noted the shortfall assumes the tax rate would remain at its current level of 53 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property. If the rate were raised by 1 cent it would raise an additional \$35,000 in revenue. The Council discussed options for reducing the imbalance between operating needs and revenues. This included consideration of whether to move enhancements to a different fiscal year, in particular tippers and toters and a welcome sign proposed by the Quality of Life Commission and whether to raise the tax rate.

CM Osmond moved to postpone the purchase the welcome sign to FY 2021. MPT Papanikolas seconded. The motion passed 3 – 2, with CM Sweep and Mayor Isler opposed. CM Dewey moved to add \$2,000 to the FY 2020 operating budget for planning and design of a welcome sign. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CM Dewey moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to reduce the salary line item for the new police officer by half for a savings of \$31,000. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CM Dewey moved and MPT Papanikolas seconded to purchase tippers and toters costing \$58,000 with FY 2019 unexpended capital projects funds and, if those funds are insufficient, to pay the remainder with FY 2020 funds. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Isler asked for a motion on purchasing the second new police vehicle. He thinks this vehicle is needed because the police vehicles in poor condition outnumber those in good condition 2 to 1, not counting decoy and spare vehicles. To date, the Town has not had a police vehicle replacement reserve but attempted to purchase 1 new vehicle a year, unless there were other priorities. The last new police vehicle was purchased in 2017. CM Dewey asked whether the Police would consider purchasing a more fuel-efficient and/or less expensive vehicle than the proposed SUV. Chief Antolik replied that BHPD officers are not specialized but perform a range of different tasks. This requires them to transport many things in their vehicles. The smaller Dodge Charger is impractical for carrying all the gear. MPT Papanikolas moved, and CM Sweep seconded to approve funding for a second police vehicle. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Mayor Isler asked for a motion on the tax rate. He would be comfortable with a 1-cent increase in the real property tax rate to be able to cover next year's operating expenses. CM Osmond proposed to raise the rate by 1 ½ cents to cover operational needs over a longer term. CM Sweep suggested a 2-cent rate increase. CM Osmond moved, and CM Sweep seconded to raise the tax rate to 54.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property. The motion passed 4 to 1, with Mayor Isler opposed.

At 1:30 p.m. the Council took a 15-minute break.

4. Town Organizations Budget Requests
The Council agreed to approve all Town Organization budgets together at the end of this discussion.

Historical Committee: BHHC Chair Richard Ahrens was present to discuss the Committee's request. He said the Committee is requesting \$2,000 for FY 2020, the same amount as this year. Most of that money would be spent to continue the oral history program: \$700 to enlist a professional to edit the video footage, and \$800 to purchase a tablet/ computer to be installed in the museum to playback the oral histories and make Committee files accessible. In addition, \$400 is needed for events-related expenses.

The Council asked about the oral history project and planned events but in general found the request reasonable.

Green Team: CM Dewey said the Green Team was founded in 2012 to help the Town obtain Sustainable Maryland certification and it continues to maintain that certification. Its mission is to promote and advise the Council on sustainable initiatives, protect the environment, enhance the quality of life and foster diversity. To further these goals, the Green Team sponsors educational campaigns, invites speakers and hosts workshops. The hands-on workshops focused on a particular environmental theme have proven to be most popular. Therefore, the Green Team plans to hold more of them, but they cost more. For FY 2020 the Green Team requests a slight budget increase of \$250 bringing the events supplies expenses to \$2,000. The remaining \$1,000 are used for flyers and promotional materials.

In discussion, CM Osmond asked if the Green Team replaces the plaques showing that the storm drains drain into the Chesapeake Bay, and whether the Green Team works with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to obtain educational materials. TM Broadbent said the plaques went away when the County refurbished the Town's storm drain system last year. CM Dewey said the Green Team has worked with and obtained small grants from the Foundation. CM Sweep noted that the Green Team put

its funds to good use and has increased outreach activities and events last year.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: TM Broadbent said that the Neighborhood Watch is now reporting to the Police Department and a resolution defining their new status will be forthcoming. Their budget request of \$3,900 is the same as last year. The funds are used to purchase supplies for the emergency trailer and sponsor emergency preparedness training. Unused NW/EP funds roll over to the next year in a reserve to purchase a new trailer.

Recreation Council: Mayor Isler said that the Recreation Council is requesting \$13,400, the same amount as last year. Most of that money is used to celebrate Berwyn Heights Day and the remainder for its year-round events program.

Boys & Girls Club: MPT Papanikolas said the funding for the Club is included in the \$5,800 *Sports Park* line item under the Recreation budget. The Club is requesting the same amount as last year. This covers electricity for the lights and maintenance of the concession stand, and Boys & Girls Club general liability insurance, fundraising tools and signs. TM Broadbent said the electricity bills have been paid by the Town. There ensued discussion about the breakdown of the Club's budget request, in light of the Club requesting only \$2,000 last year. Mayor Isler said he would like to be provided a detailed breakdown of their proposed expenditures before approving this budget. The Council agreed.

At a motion of CM Shields, and MPT Papanikolas seconded to approve the budget requests of the Town organizations, except the Boys & Girls Club's. The motion passed 4 to 1, with CM Dewey abstaining.

5. Wrap-up & Next Steps

TM Broadbent said she and Treasurer Rodriguez will use today's input from the Council to create the proposed budget that will be introduced at the April Town meeting. That include the Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget, which funds one police officer. The tax rates will remain the same, but the officer will no longer be Detective Unger but a training officer. In addition, a vehicle replacement reserve will be established to pay for the PSTD officer's vehicle. The Council will have the opportunity to refine the budget at future worksessions before it is adopted at the May Town meeting. Thereafter, the Council adopts the budget amendments to the FY 2019 budget.

TM Broadbent said the Council may want to take some time at an upcoming worksession to discuss the budget process, since it is different from how it has been done in the past. CM Dewey thanked TM Broadbent for discussing the enhancements ahead of this workshop, which made it easier to arrive at decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Executive Session (3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)

CM Sweep moved, and CM Osmond seconded to go into executive session at 3:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. With matter discussed, CM Sweep moved, and CM Osmond seconded to close the executive session.

Worksession Minutes April 1, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Jeffrey Jay Osmond and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and Boys & Girls Club representatives Brandon Batton and Angela Wolfinger.

1. Agenda

The Boys & Girls Club budget item was moved to the top of the agenda. A Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA grant request was added to the agenda.

2. Announcements

CM Dewey announced a 'Trees of Distinction' contest taking place in April. Mayor Isler congratulated the Green Team on a successful raingarden demonstration event. Information about home owner rebates for raingardens and other stormwater runoff mitigation projects will be published in the next mid-monthly newsletter.

3. Budget Discussion Items

Boys & Girls Club budget: Mayor Isler welcomed Boys & Girls Club (BGC) President Brandon Batton and Vice President Angela Wolfinger for a discussion of the Club's budget request. TM Broadbent said the Council was provided a memo detailing this year's expenditures grouped under the Parks & Recreation Department's *Sports Park* line item totaling \$5,800, which includes expenses for the Club. The largest expense is the electricity bill for the field's flood lights at approximately \$2,500 per year. This is paid by the Town. Field & concession stand maintenance that is performed by Public Works is also paid from this account.

For the future, it is recommended to separate the Club expensed funds from those expended by the Town for maintenance and lighting. Club funds could be provided in the form of a grant paid in 2 yearly installments in July and January, with the Club reporting on the use of the funds on a quarterly basis. Additionally, it is recommended that the Club arrange for the beer truck and obtain the liquor license to operate a beer garden on Berwyn Heights Day. The Club would also need to get liability insurance for this activity and name the Town as additionally insured.

Ms. Wolfinger explained the amount of money the Club requested for FY 2020 is \$2,000. This money pays for Maryland State Youth Soccer Association insurance in the amount of \$650 per year. The remainder is spent on signage, fundraising tools, background checks, equipment and supplies. Club revenue comes from membership fees and fundraisers, which include the Berwyn Heights Day beer sale, concession stand sales and the fall festival. Going forward, the Club needs to purchase general liability insurance to be able to rent other fields in the County. This insurance is likely to add between \$1,500 to \$1,700 a year to the Club's balance sheet.

In discussion, it was clarified that the Club is not eligible to be covered by the Town's liability insurance because it is playing on fields that are M-NCPPC property. The Club also needs to decide whether to take on maintenance at Sports Park or have Public Works do it. Replacement of broken picnic tables should be requested from M-NCPPC or the Club may ask the Town to include it in its letter to M-NCPPC going out at the end of May.

The Council agreed that the Town would pay for utilities and maintenance at Sports Park and that the Club would be given \$3,000 in grant funds. Mr. Batton and Ms. Wolfinger will check with their board to determine whether the Club wants to continue to run a beer garden if it is responsible for buying the beer and obtaining the liquor license. The funding could be adjusted accordingly.

Health insurance options: TM Broadbent said she and Treasurer Rodriguez spoke with the Town's health insurance carrier LGIT about options for lowering copays of insured employees. It was determined that lowering prescription copays would provide the largest benefit for all. Treasurer Rodriguez explained that all insured employees have an ongoing prescription and would benefit from lower Rx deductibles. Savings would range from 0% for generic brand prescriptions to 33% for preferred brands and 8% for non-preferred brands. The total cost of the Town's health insurance plan, which includes prescriptions, would actually go down slightly from this year to \$141,000. This is due to changes in the makeup of staff and the lower proportion of employees requiring family coverage. Health insurance for part-time employees was explored but found not to be cost effective.

TM Broadbent added there are other benefits for part-time staff the Council may want to consider: holiday pay for holidays falling on a regular scheduled workday of a part-time employee; and vacation accumulated at the same rate as full time employees. More details on this, as well as short-term disability insurance options, will be provided in a memo for a future worksession.

After some discussion, the Council approved the future changes in the health insurance plan.

BHES PTA grant request: CM Dewey said she received an email from the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA asking how they can apply for a grant from the Town. She asked if the Council wants to provide some parameters for grant requests to be communicated to the PTA. Mayor Isler said, in the absence of a formal grant program, applicants should submit a letter or email requesting a certain amount funds for a particular activity or program, with a description of the benefits and beneficiaries. Afterwards, the applicant should provide evidence that the funds were expended as proposed.

After some discussion, it was agreed that grant requests should be submitted in written form, stating the amount and purpose of the grant, and should be disbursed to the party applying for the grant, in this case the PTA. When the funds have been expended, the applicant should give a report to the Town. TM Broadbent and Treasurer Rodriguez offered to provide examples of grant requests they have handled.

4. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by MPT Papanikolas, the March 4 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0. The March 13 Town meeting minutes were distributed.

5. Department Reports

Mayor Isler reported that the Council had a productive budget workshop and thanked all those who participated. On the public safety front, he has noticed that bicyclists are not always obeying the rules of the road and sometimes go through intersections without stopping. This is a danger to themselves and drivers who are not able to predict their behavior. Cyclists who break the traffic rules can be ticketed.

CM Sweep reminded residents not to put plastic bags in their recycling bins, or to place recyclables into plastic bags for collection. Residents will soon receive a notice in their mail that Public Works will no longer collect recycling if plastic bags are in the mix. CM Dewey added this policy was adopted because the County's recycling facility will reject loads that have plastic bags in them.

CM Dewey thanked the many people who participated in the raingarden replanting. It was a perfect day for it. Volunteers are still needed for Berwyn Heights Day and for the re-established Education Advisory Committee (EAC). On April 28 at 2 pm, the EACs of the Four Cities Coalition will host Dr. Alvin Thornton, Chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, for an education forum in Greenbelt.

CM Osmond said, with spring on the way, residents are reminded to keep their grass cut below 10"; yard waste should be placed into brown paper yard waste bags for pickup or into a designated container.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. Mayor Isler announced the April 2nd BHES PTA meeting, which will feature a human washing machine as a STEAM activity. Also announced was an April 24 Four Cities meeting in Greenbelt. Berwyn Heights will request an update on municipal building permit authority as an agenda item. Mayor Isler and CM Osmond will not be present at the April 15 worksession and discussion of the NW/EP re-organization was moved to May 6.

7. Citizens Discussion

Former Mayor Rasmussen was present while on a visit to Berwyn Heights. He gave an update on his job with the Colorado Department of Higher Education he accepted in July 2018. He congratulated the Council on navigating the unforeseen changes caused by his departure and thanked Mayor Isler for taking the lead. He appreciated Phil Ventura and other citizens for remaining engaged and providing feedback.

Mr. Rasmussen also commented on the topics discussed at this meeting, including the Town organization policy, the Berwyn Height Day beer truck, and a process for approving school grant requests. He cautioned against transferring authority to issue building permits to the Town because it requires engineering and legal expertise the Town does not have and may be too expensive to add. Lastly, he loved the idea of a 'Trees of Distinction' contest and would nominate the large oak across from his house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Town Meeting April 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, presiding, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Mayor Stephen Isler had an excused absence. Also Present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, and citizens.

1. Approval of Agenda

CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed 4 to 0.

2. Public Hearing on FY 2020 Budget

At 7:03 p.m., MPT Papanikolas opened the Public Hearing.

TM Broadbent gave an overview of the FY 2020 budget, which has been published in the Bulletin and on the website and is available at this hearing. The budget to be introduced tonight includes a 1.5 cent real property tax increase, as well as staffing changes in the Code Compliance Department, addition of 1 officer and 2 vehicles in the Police Department, scheduled replacement of 2 public works vehicles, some road im-

provements and funding to implement semi-automated recycling pickup.

The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) budget also to be introduced tonight will be reviewed by the Commercial District Management Authority on April 17. The PSTD tax rates will remain unchanged. A summary of budget highlights is attached to respective budget ordinances.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, noted that the FY 2020 budget does not adopt the constant yield tax rate. Rather it raises the current tax rate, increasing the annual tax burden for the average household to approximately \$3,000 as opposed to \$2,250 two years ago. He thought the tax rate indicates there is not enough revenue to cover expenditures and the Town needs to be more conservative in spending money. Instead the Town making available to the public a free electric vehicle charging station in the rear of the Town Center. He believes this will be expensive because there is no limit on how much electricity can be used. He said it could cost \$5,000 per year if someone charges their EV once a week, assuming an equivalent price of \$1.15 per e-gallon to the price of \$3.00 per gallon of gasoline.

CM Dewey replied that the cost of electric fuel cannot easily be equated to the cost of gasoline. It costs her about \$7.00 to fully charge her EV but it fuels the car for 270 miles. The annual charging cost of her vehicle is nowhere near \$5,000. It was the intent of the Council to provide a service to the community when installing the charging stations and to address potential cost issues if the Town's utility bills spike. This has not been the case to date.

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Ruatan Street, commented she was shocked to see a tax increase. She is not sure why the additional money is needed and was hoping to hear an explanation tonight of what it would be spent on. She has not looked at all the budget details and asked if it would fund additional staff. This tax increase comes on top of the tax increase residents will see due to increases in assessment, plus federal and state income tax increases. This will be hard for people on fixed incomes. She hopes the Council might take another look at the budget and make adjustments to forgo the tax increase.

Councilmembers replied the FY 2020 budget provides only for one additional police officer and two position upgrades in the Code Department. Ms. Kulpa-Eddy asked whether the additional officer is needed. CM Sweep and Dewey replied it enables BHPD to have a second on-duty officer per shift as a back-up and plans for the coming retirement of officers. There ensued further discussion about a 9th police officer and other uses of the funds raised.

Former Councilmember Gerald Shields, Nevada Street, suggested including a sunset provision on the tax increase that would

coincide with the completion of the road project. TM Broadbent informed him this Council cannot bind future Councils to its budgets.

CM Sweep noted one of the new items in the FY 2020 budget is a reserve for police vehicles. TM Broadbent said there is no reserve for police vehicles but \$7,000 has been set aside in the Public Safety Taxing District Budget (PSTD) to start a reserve for the PSTD officers. This will ensure that the police vehicle fleet remains up to date. Additionally, a substantial contribution has been made to the Public Works vehicle replacement reserve. Some expenses, such as the purchase of new recycling containers, were moved to this year's budget and will be paid with fund balance.

CM Osmond said, in his opinion, next year's budget is about public safety, sustainable budgeting, countering inflation, maintaining excellent services, and employee retention. To him Public safety is a top priority and he prefers Berwyn Heights officers to keep the Town safe.

CM Dewey thanked everyone who came to share their comments. This is the proper time to discuss how to best spend the Town's money. However, there is no spending priority everyone agrees on. Some believe that tree care is a top priority, while for others place public safety at the top of their list. This Council has combed through the budget to fund those needs they believe make Berwyn Heights a great place to live.

MPT Papanikolas agreed, saying the Council tries to be a good steward of Town funds. He does not relish raising taxes on citizens because it increases his taxes, too, but the amount of additional taxes is relatively small. This Council will try to offset some of the impact by working to maximize the tax rebate from the County for services rendered by the Town, such as trash collection.

Meg Miller Shane commented there are two sides to a tax increase: on the one hand, more money comes out of one's pocket but on the other, home values go up. She is willing to pay more for good services and to keep the Town safe.

CM Osmond said this budget seeks to correct budgeting practices that were unsustainable and to address needs that had been left unattended. Once these objectives are attained and the budget functions as it should, the Council may decide to make an adjustment and reduce tax rates.

Mr. Ventura said he did not see any "give and take" in the making of this budget. The Police Department, for example, had had its list of requests approved without significant reductions elsewhere in its budget. He also took issue with increasing benefits to retain employees.

CM Sweep objected to Mr. Ventura implying the Council had not done its due diligence in

making budget decisions. If Mr. Ventura had attended the budget worksession he might have seen Councilmembers quizzing the directors in depth about the reasons for their budget requests. TM Broadbent added that almost every new initiative proposed by the directors has been modified or reduced. For example, the funding for the officer position was reduced to cover only half a year; Public Works vehicle maintenance was reduced by half because several old vehicles will be surplus; and the recycling improvements and welcome sign were capitalized in the FY 2019 budget.

Angela Wolfinger asked why funding of the welcome sign was reduced from \$10,000 to \$2,000. CM Sweep replied it was done because a decision on what type of sign to get will take more time. The \$2,000 will cover research and design of signs that would be purchased in FY 2021.

At 8:02 p.m., MPT Papanikolas continued the public hearing and encouraged residents to submit comments in writing or telephone.

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by CM Sweep, the minutes of the March 13 Town meeting minutes were approved 4 to 0.

4. Mayor's Report

There was none.

5. Department Reports

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rodriguez gave the report for March 2019. She said the focus of her work was on the budget; otherwise it was a normal month. Treasurer Rodriguez also completed a class on intermediate governmental accounting.

Administration: TM Broadbent reported she and Treasurer Rodriguez spent much time on examining the details of previous budgets to construct the FY 2020 budget. On the Code Department front, she will propose changes to the enforcement process to move away from placing liens on properties and issue municipal infractions to achieve compliance. One aspect of the changes could be an appeals board of qualified citizens hearing code appeals, instead of the Town Council performing this function.

Code Compliance: TM Broadbent reported, as acting Code Supervisor, she has dealt with a number of the property maintenance cases. She is finding that code violation complaints are often made by residents about their neighbors to whom they have never spoken because at times the neighbor is not a native English speaker. She believes most issues between neighbors are easy to fix and can be solved with a conversation. The Police Department is launching an initiative to reach out to the Latino community to help bridge the divide.

Parks & Recreation: CM Dewey announced a series of upcoming public work-

shops scheduled by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discuss the proposed widening of the Capital Beltway. The nearest one will be on April 23, 6:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and residents are encouraged to attend. She also announced an April 28 education community forum in Greenbelt with School Board Chair Dr. Alvin Thornton and thanked the Historical Committee and Recreation Council for hosting an awesome Team Trivia night, as well all the people who helped with the raingarden replanting.

Public Works: CM Sweep said he will attend the workshop on the Beltway widening as this is the best opportunity for citizens to make their voices heard. He thanked Public Works for working on the raingarden and other landscaping around Town. Currently, the Public Works Department is looking to fill 2 positions. Residents are welcome to refer anyone who may be interested in the job.

Director Hall said his Department is getting ready for grass cutting season and preparing for Berwyn Heights Day, checking all the needed equipment and supplies. He commended Foreman Luis Cardenas for obtaining his commercial drivers' license, not an easy feat.

Public Safety: Chief Antolik reported that Detective Unger passed the police chiefs academy training; that a code of conduct was adopted for the Senior Center following a recent incident; and that BHPD is launching an outreach program to the Latino community. BHPD will also participate in a Senior Citizens Day celebration at the Senior Center to which the Council is invited.

Detective Unger gave the police activities report for March. There were 4 Part I offenses, including 1 assault, in March and 18 year-to-date. Detective Unger said he is working on several fraud cases, a couple of which were telephone scams, in which callers purported to be collecting an IRS debt and another where callers demanded the victim purchase gift cards in connection with a pending lawsuit. Residents should beware of such scams and not respond. Debts and fines are not usually collected over the phone.

CM Osmond said if a citizen suspects that a call is a scam, they might want to write the number down and report it to an FBI or Federal Trade Commission hotline. This helps authorities to track down the perpetrators and end the scam. Chief Antolik said BHPD is planning to produce some public service videos this summer, one of which will deal with this type of fraud and explain how best to react.

Detective Unger further reported that he, Officers Krouse and Rufino responded to a report of a homicide at Lake Artemesia Park on March 14. Early investigations concluded that the murder was gang-related and did not occur in or near Berwyn Heights. Second, Officer Rufino completed training in

responding to animal cruelty incidents and is looking forward to taking on that role.

6. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey thanked those who have signed up to serve on the Education Advisory Committee (BHEAC) and invited anyone with an interest in education to join. The first BHEAC meeting will be held on April 29 and the Committee will have a booth on Berwyn Heights Day.

Green Team: CM Dewey thanked all who participated in the raingarden event, which was very successful. During April the Green Team is celebrating Earth Month and Arbor Day with a 'Trees of Distinction' contest, in which residents are invited to nominate their favorite tree. Nominated trees will be showcased on Berwyn Heights Day and online. The next Town cleanup is on April 20, 10:00 a.m. and students can earn community service hours.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper reported that the Historical Committee co-sponsored the very successful Team Trivia Night, attended by some 60-70 people, and thanked Jodie Kulpa-Eddy for pulling the event together. For Berwyn Heights Day, the Committee will participate with a tent and exhibits focused on the Berwyn Heights Company, which was established 100 years ago.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness: No report.

Recreation Council: Angela Wolfinger, Boys & Girls Club, said an Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 20 at the Community Center. CM Dewey added that Berwyn Heights Day is around the corner and many volunteers are still needed to help with activities throughout the day. Members of any club, organization or church are welcome to march in the parade. Prizes will be awarded to organizations that have a float. All are invited to come out and join the festivities.

7. Unfinished Business

There was none.

8. New Business

Ordinance 177 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2020 General Fund Budget: Clerk Harper read the adopting language. TM Broadbent said that the Ordinance sets forth the proposed General Fund revenues and expenditures, the real and personal property tax rates, and funds a variety of reserves. The accompanying staff report highlights important changes. CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to introduce Ordinance 177. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ordinance 178 – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2020 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to introduce the Ordinance. The motion passed 4

to 0.

9. Citizen Comments

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy said she attended a meeting on the new zoning regulations Prince George's County adopted last year. The regulations are now in the process of being implemented, with zoning map amendments coming out in mid-May. The Council may want to keep an eye out for this because the maps will tell which zoning designation the properties north of Branchville Road will have Berwyn Heights annexed in 2005. She believes the properties, currently zoned as Mixed-Use Transit, will be grandfathered in. However, it is possible industrial uses will no longer be allowed, meaning the Town may lose an important source of revenue from these businesses. Municipalities that would like an update on the rezoning can request a presentation from M-NCPPC's Planning Department.

Phil Ventura suggested the Town may want to hold off on investing money into recycling program upgrades and wait to see how the market reacts to China's stricter standards for processing recyclables. It may be that the County will have to abandon single-stream recycling and permit only 'clean stream' recycling to be able to make money. Second, Mr. Ventura said the intersection in front of Town Hall still lacks a crosswalk. He suggested that painting the crosswalks would be a cheaper and probably more durable solution than thermoplastic strips.

CM Dewey replied she remains comfortable with implementing the recycling program changes. Based on a recent conversation she had with the manager of the recycling facility, the County is nowhere near ending single stream recycling. TM Broadbent added, as long as it is cheaper to recycle than to landfill these materials, it makes sense to recycle. She reminded residents that, come next Monday, the Town will no longer pick up recyclables that have plastic bags in the mix.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Worksession Minutes April 15, 2019

Present were Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, presiding, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Ethan Sweep. Mayor Stephen Isler and CM Jeffrey Jay Osmond had excused absences. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, and citizens.

1. Agenda

The following agenda changes were made: BHES grant request was moved to Budget Items and code enforcement procedures was moved to Discussion Items.

2. Announcements

MPT Papanikolas said Mayor Isler is on vacation and CM Osmond is attending a business meeting and could not attend. He

will chair tonight's meeting. MPT Papanikolas reminded residents that they can continue to submit comments on the budget by emailing one or all Councilmembers.

Presentation

Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Maryland Milestones/ Anacostia Trails Heritage Association (ATHA) was present for his annual visit to member municipalities. This is an opportunity for dues paying members to ask questions and make suggestions about how ATHA's money is spent. Mr. Marcavitch said it is the mission of this organization to promote history, art, culture and nature in Northern Prince George's County. Their headquarters are located in the Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center in Hyattsville.

Mr. Marcavitch said this year ATHA has hired a part-time assistant, who is working on reviewing "Battle of Bladensburg" reports to capture any remaining tasks and on developing a County-wide Civil Rights Trail. ATHA has reformatted its mini-grant program, now labeled "Rocket Grants," to raise the grant limit and make it available on a rolling basis. ATHA also dispenses \$30,000 in technical assistance grants each year and can help with signage design and funding, such as an educational sign for a rain garden.

ATHA continues to be heavily involved in bike tourism and trails development. The season of bike tours are coming up, starting with tours on aviation led by the College Park Airport Museum and on the Calvert's Riverdale Estate in May. On June 8, ATHA, College Park and Hyattsville are hosting a Trolley Day celebration with music, bike activities, fun run and more along the Trolley Trail. The upcoming events program and other news is available on the ATHA website and via a weekly e-blast.

3. Budget Discussion Items

Short term disability insurance: TM Broadbent and Treasurer Rodriguez said they have reached out to the Town's insurer about short-term disability insurance. They have received some general information but no quotes as of yet. Currently, disability insurance is available only if employees purchase it themselves.

COLA/ merit increases: TM Broadbent said the Council has been provided a list of merit increases paid in neighboring municipalities and a chart showing 2 options for awarding merit pay based on employees' performance evaluations and the associated cost. Both options include a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Option 1 would provide a 3% merit pay increase for employees earning a score of 6.5 (on a scale of 1-10) and 1.5% increase below a score of 6.5. Option 2 would set merit pay for top scorers at 3% and below at 2%. The cost of option 1 is \$36,334 and of option 2 is \$37,241.

In discussion it was suggested to pick cities nearer in size to Berwyn Heights as a benchmark for merit pay. Some of the cities picked for comparison have much larger budgets

and staffs. TM Broadbent added that several of the cities on the list use pay charts and step increases to reward performance. CM Dewey said, in this case, the size of the municipality would not seem to make much of difference. She would prefer option 2 because it keeps the gap between top performers and others, that can eventually lead to a large pay disparity, to a minimum. MPT Papanikolas and CM Sweep agreed.

BHES grant request: CM Dewey received a request from the Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA for a contribution towards hosting a traveling zoo and/ or an educational agricultural exhibit. The Town has helped fund this type of educational activity in previous years. Occasionally, grants have been requested from Parkdale High School as well. The donations have come from an education or public relations line item in the Town Council's budget, which this year contains \$4,500. The Council agreed to give \$3,000 to the BHES PTA in FY 2020.

4. Discussion Items

Code enforcement procedures: TM Broadbent provided a draft of revised Ordinance 111 – Municipal Infractions and a flow chart for a new code enforcement process. She explained the Town currently has 3 ordinances that deal with property maintenance issues: one for residential properties (Ordinance 107 - Clean Lot), another for commercial properties (Ordinance 134 – Commercial Clean Lot) and a third for rental properties (Ordinance 120 – Rental Housing). All three types of properties are governed by standards set forth in the International Property Maintenance Code.

TM Broadbent said she will propose to combine the 3 ordinances into one property maintenance ordinance, thus eliminating overlap and repetition. She would do this in stages, starting with the enforcement process. She said the current ordinances have enforcement provisions that do not comply with State law. State law prescribes the issuance of municipal infractions for code violations that can be appealed to the Circuit Court. Berwyn Heights code violation notices are appealable to the Town Council. Further, property owners have not always been instructed they have the right to appeal a code violation, thus depriving them of due process.

Clerk Harper noted the Town's violation notices used to specify the right to appeal. The first level of an appeal was to the Town Council, but if the appellant did not agree with the Council's decision, he could request to be issued a municipal infraction in order to appeal the Council's decision to the Circuit Court.

TM Broadbent said the violation letters she has reviewed did not contain the required information. In a reformed code enforcement process the first step would be to send a letter notifying a property owner of a violation and stating a time frame to abate the violation. The time frame should be left to

the judgment of the inspector rather than necessarily following the chart in the current ordinances. The notice would also inform the property owner that he has 10 days to appeal the violation. If an appeal is requested, it would be heard by a new appeals board. This board would consist of 3 qualified citizens and 2 alternates appointed by the Council, not the Town Council itself.

CM Dewey said in her experience it is difficult to establish a new board. She is concerned the Town may not be able to find enough residents to staff a code appeals board. TM Broadbent suggested that non-residents might be allowed to serve to increase the pool of potential members. CM Dewey said, assuming an appeals board can be constituted, she wonders what would happen if the board does not follow up on an appeals request. Thought needs to be given to a mechanism that ensures the board will be able to operate over the longer term.

CM Sweep said the Town should probably explore whether there are any residents interested in serving on an appeals board before trying to establish one. He also thinks that at least the chair person should be a Berwyn Heights resident. CM Dewey thought that a majority of the board should be residents. TM Broadbent said another option might be to appoint the Town Manager as an administrative hearing officer or to hire someone to serve in that capacity. CM Sweep asked why TM Broadbent believes that the Council should not serve as an appeals board. TM Broadbent replied she thinks there are ethical issues with a Council sitting as an appeals board.

Clerk Harper said earlier Councils had a fairly rigorous process when hearing code appeals. The Code Director or Supervisor had to present all relevant documentation for the case being appealed, showing that notices of violation and warnings of a fine had been sent before a code fine was issued. If documentation was incomplete or some step in the notification process was not followed the Council was apt to waive the fine and dismiss the case.

MPT Papanikolas said he would prefer to get a reformed Code Department up and running before setting up a new appeals board. If the Code Department does a good job the number of appeals is likely to be low. CM Sweep agreed but added that the code enforcement process must still conform with State law. TM Broadbent said the Town would need to adopt the municipal infractions process but might retain the Council sitting as an appeals board while the Code Department is being reconstituted. The Council agreed with this approach. TM Broadbent will rewrite the flowchart to that effect.

CM Dewey offered several corrections to the draft Ordinance 111:
Section 3 Exterior Emergency or Hazardous Condition: add a notification process for

declaring an emergency violation, i.e. how a homeowner would be informed of an emergency condition and how any decision the Town might make would be documented.

Dwellings unfit for human habitation-Subsection E: add "eliminate danger to the environment" when filling in an excavation resulting from a demolition.

Dwellings unfit for human habitation-Subsection F: add "use best practices" when performing an extermination of insects, rodents or vermin in condemned home to prevent their spreading.

TM Broadbent will make the requested changes.

Bilingual communication: CM Dewey asked the Council to discuss ways to make Berwyn Heights a more inclusive community. Currently, the Spanish-speaking community is underrepresented at events and public meetings. The recent initiative of the BHPD to establish a Latino outreach program is a step in the right direction. The next step might be to publish a Spanish version of the Town Council meeting minutes so that the official actions of the government can be read and understood by the Latino community.

The Council discussed the feasibility of translating the minutes, which are often lengthy and would take time to translate. MPT Papanikolas suggested using web-based translation services to produce a rough draft and have a native speaker proof read it. CM Dewey volunteered to produce a rough draft with Google translate and find a Spanish speaking employee to proof read it.

TM Broadbent said she is working with Town staff on improving outreach to the Latino community. One of the problems she sees is the filing of code complaints about Spanish-speaking neighbors without trying to have a conversation first. One way to break the ice may be to hold Town-sponsored block parties.

TM Broadbent will keep the Council informed about any ideas staff comes up with to include more residents in community life.

Welcome packet: TM Broadbent explained that Public Information Aide (PIA) Tiffany Minor is working on a welcome packet for new residents and visitors of the Town. She provided a welcome booklet of the City of Greenbelt which could serve as a template. She asked if the Council likes the format and has suggestions about content. One of the things to be avoided is including content that becomes quickly outdated, such as a Mayor's welcome message or contact information for Councilmembers and Town organizations.

Councilmembers approved of the booklet format and made the following suggestions: include a list of Town organizations; add references to citizen resources available from the State, the County or local organizations; add a magnet to the back cover so it can attach to a refrigerator; and add business advertising to help defray the cost. Councilmembers will send any additional ideas for

the booklet to the PIA.

Four Cities agenda items: An update on College Park's study for shifting the issuance of building permits from the County to the municipal level was added. TM Broadbent has informed College Park that Berwyn Heights would contribute to the study. School funding for northern Prince George's County may become an agenda item in the future. CM Dewey noted that the Education Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on April 29 to adopt an organizational framework and set a meeting schedule.

4. Minutes

On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by CM Sweep, the March 18 worksession minutes were approved 3 to 0.

5. Department Reports

CM Sweep reminded residents not to put plastic bags in their recycling bins, or to place recyclables into plastic bags for collection. Public Works will no longer collect recycling if plastic bags are in the mix starting this week.

CM Dewey announced upcoming workshops of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) on the proposed expansion of I-495 and I-270. The nearest workshop will take place at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on April 23, 6:30 p.m. CM Dewey also reminded residents of the ongoing Trees of Distinction contest and many open spots for Berwyn Heights Day volunteers. Also on the calendar, are a Town cleanup on April 13 and an Easter Egg Roll on April 20. Students will be on Easter break this week.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. CM Dewey will attend the April 18 PGCA meeting. She noted that Berwyn Heights will likely not qualify for Banner City status this year, unless meetings attended by staff and a Code Enforcement & Zoning Officials Association meeting Berwyn Heights hosted count. The Recreation Council added a meeting on April 30 to discuss Berwyn Heights Day.

7. Citizens Discussion

Mike Attick, 62nd Ave, commented on the postponement of the discussion on the NW/EP to the next meeting. He said there may not be anyone to attend that meeting as NW/EP just lost some of its officers. He also commented on the NW/EP budget, the status of the emergency trailer, the planned subordination of NW/EP under the BHPD, and the repeated deferral of an approval of the new NW/EP status. TM Broadbent clarified that a resolution to ratify the status had to be rewritten to incorporate NW/EP members' input after the group reorganized in December, but it will be discussed at the next worksession and voted on at the May Town meeting.

Mr. Attick also questioned the accomplishments of this Council, saying little has been

done apart from some tree work; expressed disapproval with Public Works employees' refuse collection practices and use of cell phones while on the job, and pointed out remaining problems with Town streets.

Councilmembers responded by citing some of their accomplishments, including completion of Phase I of the road improvements, painting of Town facilities, landscaping at the Town Center and applying for a spay/neuter grant. They agreed to check into the use of cell phones by Public Works employees but felt it is okay for employees to use phones if it is not distracting them from working. This Council continues to welcome the reporting of problems by residents, preferably as soon as they occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Signed *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

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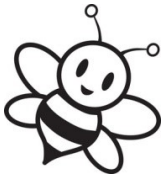
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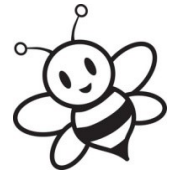
El sitio web de Town of Berwyn Heights ahora se puede ver en diferentes idiomas usando Google Translate. Haga clic en el cuadro "Seleccionar idioma" junto al cuadro "Buscar" y elija su idioma.

Los Minutos de las reuniones del Consejo pueden encontrar en la página de inicio haciendo clic en el botón "Minutos y Agendas" en el Centro de Acción Ciudadana.

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Berwyn Heights GreenBee



Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, July 2019** at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room. Date to be determined. All residents are welcome to attend!

Town Clean-up

Saturday June 15th

10am – 12pm

Meeting point at the Town Center

REMINDER! The monthly town clean-ups are an opportunity for students to earn SSL hours. The clean-up requires walking through the streets in town to pick up litter, so children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your forms to be signed.



Tree of Distinction

Congratulations to the 2019 Berwyn Heights wonderful trees of distinction. We had many types of Oak and Magnolia trees entered into the event.

You can find the Trees of Distinction display at the Berwyn Heights Town Center and we will also put them on the Berwyn Heights Green Team Facebook page.



Celebrate the Pollinators

During the week of June 17-23, 2019 it is National Pollinator Week. It is a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what you can do to protect them.



YOU can help ALL kinds of Pollinators!

- **Plant flowers that bloom all season** - pollinators need food from spring to fall, so plant as many flowers as you can of different colors, shapes and types to create a smorgasbord of nectar and pollen.
- **Provide nesting sites** for native bees
- **Feed caterpillars** - caterpillars turn into butterflies.
- **Don't use pesticides!** The decline of bees, other pollinators and many animals are associated with pesticide use.
- **Go native!** Plants that are native to our local area are the best way to attract and support native bees and other pollinators, since they evolved together.



Don't know what to plant?

Go to <https://bit.ly/2w3VI6M> for an expert's list!

Ask your kids or neighbor's kids if they would like to help install a Pollinator garden.

Here is a guide to work off of when planting with children. <https://bit.ly/2LP9Wh8>

Educate you, your family, and neighbors on the pesticides effects on pollinators.

<https://bit.ly/2w0Jvu1>

When in doubt, ask your local beekeepers!





Summer Camps

Start planning your child's summer!

Enrichment Camp: S.T.E.A.M.

Sharpen your S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) skills! From composting waste to flying drones, campers have a variety of S.T.E.A.M. activities in which to participate as they develop friendships, character and self-confidence. This camp shows kids that gaining abilities in S.T.E.A.M. are super cool and are practical for real world tasks. Kids problem solve, critically think, experimentally learn, and logically reason their way through multi-themed S.T.E.A.M. content. Campers are required to bring a bag lunch and drink daily. **Ages 6-12**

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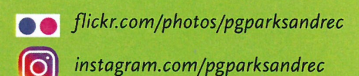
Registration is underway for summer day camps. Visit pgparks.com and click on PARKS DIRECT.

For additional information, contact staff at Berwyn Heights Community Center at 301-345-2808.



M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.

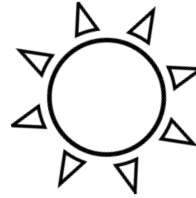
TTY (Text Telephone) for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability: 301-699-2544.



Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA

Uniform Collection

June 10-14



Has your child outgrown his or her uniform? Is your child moving up to middle school? We'll be collecting gently used uniform pieces—pants, skirts, polos, sweatshirts, sweaters—during the last week of school. Send items to school with your child or bring them to the office to donate. We'll distribute the donated items in the fall.

Thanks to all Career Day participants!

We appreciate all the volunteers who came to share with the BHES students about their careers. It was an enriching experience and the students learned a lot.

Website: www.BHESPTA.org

Mailing list: www.remind.com/join/bhespta/



Upcoming Events

June 14, Friday
Last day of school

Date TBA
End of year party

August 29, Thursday
Kindergarten Orientation

September 3, Tuesday
First day of school



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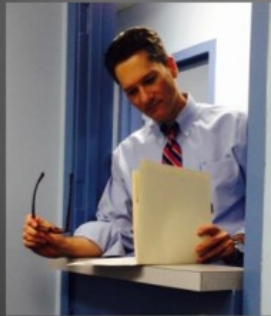
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APRIL INCIDENTS

Friday April 05, 2019 at 2:39 pm, 'FRAUD' Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5815 Greenbelt Road for a theft by telephone scam call.

Monday April 08, 2019 at 4:00 pm, 'ABANDONED VEHICLE' 2006 Ford Explorer, blue SUV bearing no license plate, was found parked at 8900 58th Avenue. Further investigation indicated the vehicle belonged to a Hyattsville resident. Initially the vehicle was to be impounded and Greenbelt Road Shell arrived for impound. The owner showed up on the scene and identified the vehicle as his. He stated he was unaware of the law and had taken the tags off the vehicle for posting For Sale. No further actions by PD.

Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 12:49 pm, 'THEFT OF WALLET' Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the KFC on Greenbelt Road for a report of theft of a wallet. Customer left a baby diaper bag on the counter with her wallet inside the bag. A few minutes later she came back to the restaurant and the wallet was gone. Investigation continues.

Thursday April 11, 2019 at 9:30 am, 'WARRANT SERVICE' After an investigation begun on December 13, 2018, by Cpl. J. Ignowski, an adult female 30 Y/O, Sandra Elizabeth Linares-Vazquez of Riverdale, MD was arrested on an open warrant and cited for vehicle registration scheme involving use of out of state tags by a MD resident.

Friday April 12, 2019 at 2:39 pm, 'VEHICLE IMPOUND' Cpl. J. Ignowski observed a Ford SUV with D.C. registration plates FW4456 attached parked in a handicapped parking space at 6219 Greenbelt Road. There was no handicap placard or tag visible. When a female drove the SUV onto Greenbelt Road Cpl. Ignowski stopped the SUV on the northbound ramp to MD Rt. 201 and spoke to the driver. Officer asked the driver for her driver's license and the registration paper for the tags and SUV. Instead, the driver the driver gave him a District of Columbia DMV I.D. card 2941914 in her name and with her photograph on it. The driver told the officer that she does not have a handicap document. The Police dispatcher told the officer that the driver does not have a driver's license in either MD or DC jurisdiction and is suspended by MD MVA 6/20/2016 for a reciprocity violation with another state. The officer cited the driver for driving without a license, driving while suspended, and parking a vehicle without state registration in a handicap zone, and impounded the SUV.

Friday April 12, 2019 at 3:15 pm, 'FRAUD' On 4/12/2019, 1500 hrs., the victim reported to the Berwyn Heights Police Department that she was a victim of a fraud. The preliminary investigation dis-

closed the victim received as Fed Ex package from Ardent Service INC @ Survey Program 4/5/2019. The package contained a check in the amount of \$2,488 dollars, payable to the victim. In the attached document, the victim was instructed to act as a surveyor assessing cashiers and procedures at listed retail establishments. The assessment was to be covertly executed and information documented. The document further instructed the victim to purchase EBAY gift cards equal to \$2,100. The victim was instructed to scratch and reveal numbers on the gift cards. Then using, a camera phone, photograph and send that information via text/email to Survey report@Ardent Services. The victim deposited the check in her bank account and performed the assignment. The victim states she is unemployed and submitted information to online sites seeking employment. When she received the FedEx packages, she assumed they were related to her job search. She did not indicate any attempts or efforts in verifying any information or validity to the packages. The victim states prior to this exchange there was approximately \$3,000 in her Capitol One account. Based on her multiple purchases of the gift cards, which cannot be itemized, her own funds were depleted. Further investigation into this incident will be followed up by Berwyn Heights CID..

Friday April 12, 2019 at 9:00 pm, 'THEFT FROM VEHICLE' Cpl. P. Roberson responded to McDonalds, 6219 Greenbelt RD, where the victim reports he parked his vehicle in the parking lot of while he and his wife were inside dining. When the victim returned to his vehicle he discovered that property was removed. The vehicle was apparently left unlocked as no forced entry was discovered. It is unknown at this time if the security cameras captured the theft.

Friday April 12, 2019 at 10:40 pm, 'FOUND PROPERTY' Cpl. P. Roberson responded to 6215 Greenbelt Rd Berwyn Heights MD for a report of found property. The officer met with a citizen who reported that he found numerous credit cards and a Virginia driver's license inside his vehicle. The citizen reports that the items do not belong to him. The citizen, who did not want to give his name, reports that nothing in his vehicle was removed or damaged. All of the Virginia License and credit cards were expired.

Date and Time Unknown, 'FRAUD' Pfc. W. Duck responded to the 8900 block of 60th Avenue for a report of fraud. Victim reports that his Capital One credit card and Bank of America Debit card had no new charges on them. When he woke up at 1200hrs. he discovered that the suspect who works with him had used his Capital One credit card to make an online purchase of \$200.00 from PayPal. The suspect tried to make a \$617.00 purchase by

using the victim's Bank of America Debit card but was unsuccessful. Investigation continues.

Monday April 15, 2019 at 12:09 pm, 'VANDALISM' Cpl. J. Ignowski received to a call for a vandalism at 6201 Greenbelt Rd. Victim reported that someone unknown used a small caliber firearm or pellet gun to shoot an exterior window pane.

Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 2:00 am, 'VANDALISM' Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a report of theft from a vehicle. Victim reported that someone unknown (S-1) broke a window to her father's 2011 gray color Kia Soul vehicle. The left rear door window was broken by an impact of unknown origin. Most of the window was still in place. The middle of the window was smashed out and lying in pieces inside of the vehicle.

Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 3:00 pm, 'THREATS COMPLAINT' Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a threats complaint. Victim reported that she is receiving death-threats from an unknown female by cellular telephone with messages and by text messages via a facebook app. Victim states that she does not know who the caller is, or why they are doing this. The calls and texts come from blocked numbers from a person with a voice that sounds like an African-American female about 50 years old.

Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm, 'JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE' Pfc. C. Rufino was conducting radar in the 8400 blk., of Ballew Ave located in Berwyn Heights Md. At 1700hrs she observed a Black Honda CRV traveling southbound on Ballew Ave, at a high rate of speed (41mph in a 25mph zone). Officer observed a juvenile in the driver's seat of the vehicle. The juvenile stated to the officer that he had no driver's permit and that his mother knew he had the vehicle. The juvenile's mother stated that she had allowed her son, who was 14yrs of age to drive the vehicle. She was cited for knowingly allowing a child under 15yrs of age to drive a motor vehicle.

Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 12:35 pm, 'STRONG ARMED ROBBERY' Cpl. J. Ignowski along with Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the US Fuel gas station on Greenbelt Road for a robbery incident. Victim reported that he was working at the sales counter inside the store. A male entered the store and approached the sales counter posing as a customer. The male told the victim that he was interested in his wrist watch and would like to see the brand markings on the back of the watch face. The victim removed his wrist watch from his wrist and the male promptly snatched it from the victim's hands. The male fled out of the entrance/exit door and ran south through the store's parking lot onto 60th Avenue. The incident was rec-

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Historical Committee

A happy detachment of 'Flappers' represented the Historical Committee in the Parade this year, while dancing their way to the Town Center. The ladies were dressed in 1920s garb on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Berwyn Heights Company. This community development company built some of the kit homes scattered around the Town. To read up on the history stop by the museum in the Town office to view the exhibit.

Oral History Program Continues

The BHHC Oral Histories Group is gearing up for a new round of interviews. Jim McGinnis will assist Chanel Kopecky and Debby Steele-Snyder with this project.

If you would like to share your story about Berwyn Heights contact Chanel at (301) 513-5157 or chanel.kopecky@gmail.com.



NEXT MEETING - JUNE 26, 7:30 PM - G. LOVE ROOM

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orded on the store's security video. A lookout was broadcast and Cpl. S. Krouse observed a suspect matching the description. The suspect ran from the officer and after a brief chase, he was apprehended. The suspect was identified as a 17 Y/O, B/M of Va.

Thursday April 25, 2019 at 5:43 pm, 'MISSING PERSON' Pfc. C. Rufino responded to the 5600 block of Ruatan Street for a report of a missing 14 Y/O male. Victim's mother reported that her son left the house around 1100 hours on today's date and hasn't come home. Missing subject has done this on several occasions and she is highly concerned for his safety. On April 30, 2019, Cpl. P. Roberson contacted the school and spoke with the counselor who stated that students told her that the missing person stayed the night at a friend's house. BHPD were able to make contact with the friend's mother and she confirmed that the missing person stayed at her residence and that he was still there. PG County Detective made contact with the missing juvenile, who is in good health. The older sister of the missing person, also responded to the location to pick up the missing juvenile and return him home. Teletype was notified to remove the missing person from NCIC.

Sunday April 28, 2019 at 10:29 am, 'STOLEN AUTO' Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 7700 block of Edmonston Road for a report of a stolen vehicle. Victim reported that the stolen vehicle was parked in front of his home and was taken between the listed time period. The victim also indicated there was a key for the vehicle in the middle console that

may have been used. No other leads exist identifying the suspects involved.

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| Robbery = 01 | Assault = 00 |
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Stolen Auto = 01



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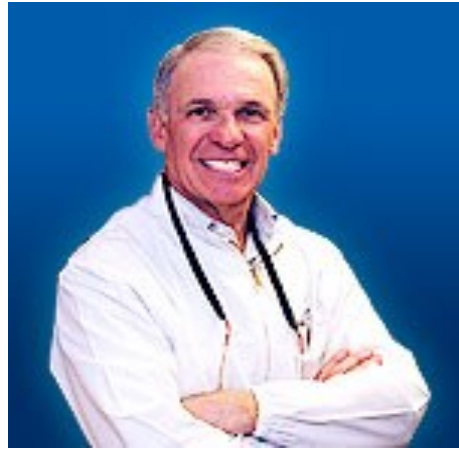
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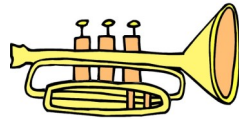
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Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



Bugle — June 2019

The BHBGC would like to thank Kristen Buker, from Exit First Realty, for her efforts providing Fried Goodies during Berwyn Heights Day.

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**Fall Soccer Pre K/K-U14 = \$60/child
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+ Plus \$20 Uniform Fee for All New Players
County Players must have MVA ID Card!**

****Fees go up \$10 after July 31st, 2019****

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up. Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer? Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org.

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I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Berwyn Heights will be celebrating the 36th Annual National Night Out this August. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The Berwyn Heights Police over the years has developed a close working relationship with businesses and citizens in fighting crime. We hope we can continue to rely on your support to fund this very popular mid-summer event, which helps us build on that relationship. Your contributions in any monetary amount will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in participating, having a booth reserved or volunteering for community service hours please contact Corporal Krouse at 301-474-6554 or email skrouse@berwynheightsmd.gov



Berwyn Heights Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Berwyn Heights celebrates the event with a variety of activities including:

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Berwyn Heights Seniors Club

Next to the Town Office on 57th Avenue — Open Monday thru Friday, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. — Phone 301-474-0018

Now that Spring is here, come to the Center, get a cup of coffee, a soda, or a bottle of water and, of course, something to eat. You can always count on something to eat when you are with the Seniors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

June 5	Carl Anderson
	Patricia Gershanik
June 10	Eunice Burton
	Bharat Patel
June 12	Mark Anderson
June 16	Elaine Colihan
June 18	Ronnie Norris
June 22	Kianeah Mahlooji
June 23	Grace Karikari
June 26	Patti Dennison
June 27	Susan Johnson

JUNE ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 P.M..

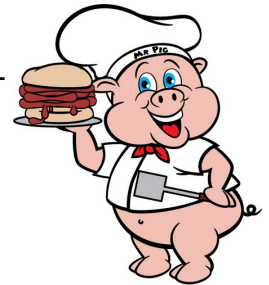
WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 A.M.

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center

POTLUCK & MOVIE — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS — 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. On the 4th Tuesday in June the club is providing Pork Barbq



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 7

Trip to Bowie Playhouse to see "Gypsy".
Preceded by dinner at the Osaka Grill.
Meet at 5:30 P.M.

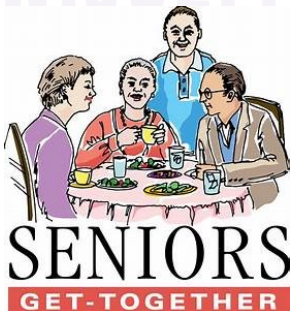
BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER

Date to be determined. Call the Senior Center for times and more Information.

WATCH NATS BASEBALL at 1:00 P.M.
on Sundays, dates to be determined.

MISCELLANEOUS

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY: Thank you to everyone who visited the Senior Center and supported our Bake Sale.



THE SENIORS CENTER is a place where you can relax and meet up with your friends.

CODE COMPLIANCE

YARD SALE LEFTOVERS?

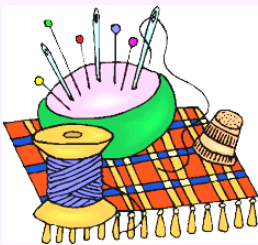
- Bulk refuse is collected Mondays on northside of the Town, and Tuesdays on southside.
- Large amounts of bulk refuse (over 3 cubic yards) must be arranged with the Public Works Department. They will inspect it and give a cost estimate for the service.

APPLIANCE & TIRE PICKUP

The Town offers pickup service for appliances at \$25 per appliance and tires at \$5 per tire. You can schedule and pay for the pickup at the Town office. Applications are posted on the [website](#) under Forms/ Public Works.

REGULAR REFUSE COLLECTION

- Please set regular trash out on designated collection days in a container with tight-fitting lid.



Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King
President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Velma Hamilton
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton
Vice President: Angela Wolfinger
angela.wolfinger@gmail.com
Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga
Secretary: Leslie Wolfinger
Athletic Director: Vacant
Soccer Commissioner: Vacant
Track Commissioner: Jeff Osmond

Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Joanna Whitaker
joannaswhitaker@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey
amandamdewey@gmail.com
Public Outreach: Therese Forbes
therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Debby Steele Snyder
dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

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Co-Chair Merrill Weinrich
mweinrich2@verizon.net
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Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
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Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Playgroup

Coordinator: Rachel Cicero
rachelcicero55@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

To be determined

Recreation Council































President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net
Secretary: Theresa Beck
beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  	4  	5 	6 	7	8
	7:00 PM Worksession	7:30 PM Rec. Council Mtg.	7:00 PM NW/EP Mtg.			
9	10  	11  	12 	13 	14	15
			7:00 PM Town Meeting	7:00 PM Green Team Mtg.	PGCPS Last School Day (unless make-up)	8:00 AM Town Yard Sale 10:00 AM Town Cleanup
16	17  	18  	19 	20 	21	22
	7:00 PM Worksession					
23	24  	25  	26 	27 	28	29
	7:00 PM BHEAC Mtg.		7:30 PM BHHC Mtg.	6:00 PM Lake Artemesia Concert		
30	1  	2  	3 	4 Independence Day Town Offices Closed	5 Town Offices Closed	6



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling Collection



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Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
Fire Department (301) 474-7866
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
Town Office (301) 474-5000
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

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Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
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Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529 adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
Jeffrey Osmond josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance
Maria Broadbent—Town Manager mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:
Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:
Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov
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